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# WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

November 6, 2013

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## International Festival to take place Saturday, Nov. 9



The 50<sup>th</sup> annual Marshall University International Festival is scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, in the Big Sandy Superstore Arena. Admission to the festival is free and the event is open to the public. Food tickets will be available for purchase, allowing guests to sample a variety of dishes from all around the world.

“Last year, we had more than 4,000 people visit the festival, and it was one of the most exciting and well-attended international events in our region,” said Dr. Tammy Johnson, executive director of admissions and international student services. “We are looking forward to an even bigger crowd this year.”

Previously held on the Huntington campus until last year, by moving the festival to the larger location organizers were also able to invite area restaurants to join in the celebration. This year, the festival will feature 11 different food vendors. Each restaurant will offer tastings of signature menu items for guests to purchase.

In addition to the international foods, the festival will also feature music and dance from around the world, along with displays representing more than 60 countries and cultures provided by MU international students and the Tri-State international community.

“The International Festival is a perfect fit with Marshall’s efforts to increase international enrollment and involvement on campus,” Johnson said. “The festival provides a tremendous opportunity for our students, faculty and staff to interact with the Huntington community at large. It’s a wonderful event for everyone who attends.”

The students are the heart of the festival from hosting booths representing their home countries to entertaining the crowd with cultural music and dance, said Jyotsna Patel, who is with the Center for International Programs.

“Our students really enjoy and look forward to participating in the festival each year,” Johnson said. “They enjoy telling others about their home countries and their cultures. A lot of time and work is put into preparing for the event.”

Dr. Clark Egnor, director of international programs with the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, said the festival “demonstrates that Marshall and the Huntington Tri-State community are welcoming to people from around the world.

“As we strive to prepare our citizens to live, work and compete in the global economy, Marshall’s International Festival serves as a great example for other universities and communities across West Virginia to follow,” Egnor said.

Participating restaurants at the festival include: Julian’s Market, Chateau D’Italia, Towers Market Place at Marshall University, Jug and Kilt, The Original Hibachi Japanese Steakhouse, Cedar Market, La Famiglia, El Rachito, Nawab Indian Cuisine, River & Rail Bakery and New China Garden Buffet.

Food tickets will be available for purchase at the festival or in advance at the Memorial Student Center on Friday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. For further details about the annual International Festival, contact the Center for International Programs at ext.6-6265, e-mail [cip@marshall.edu](mailto:cip@marshall.edu), or visit the International Festival website at <http://www.marshall.edu/cip/festival/>.

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*Photo:* Scene from the 2012 International Festival at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena in Huntington, W.Va. *Photo by Rick Hays/Marshall University.*

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## Marshall to wrap week of higher education forums tomorrow in South Charleston

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The last in a series of three forums to discuss an anticipated second round of budget cuts to state higher education funding will take place Thursday, Nov. 7, at 6 p.m. in the library on the South Charleston campus. Earlier this week, forums were held on the Huntington campus and the Mid-Ohio Valley Center in Point Pleasant.

The South Charleston forum, which is sponsored by the Office of the President and the Marshall University Faculty Senate, will be moderated by Beth Vorhees, news director for West Virginia Public Broadcasting.

Legislators and representatives from the governor's office as well as members of the Higher Education Policy Commission have been invited to attend. The forum is open to the public.

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## Dr. Zijian Xie named director of Marshall Institute for Interdisciplinary Research



Dr. Zijian Xie, whose laboratory is internationally recognized for its groundbreaking work to understand the behavior of cellular pathways and their relationship to cancer, renal disease and cardiac failure, has been named the director of the Marshall Institute for Interdisciplinary Research.

Xie comes to Marshall from the faculty of the University of Toledo's College of Medicine, where he was a professor of physiology, pharmacology and medicine, and served as the co-director of the M.D./Ph.D. program. He was chosen to lead MIIR through a national search.

"I am thrilled Dr. Xie has agreed to take on this vitally important leadership role at MIIR," said President Stephen J. Kopp. "He is a brilliant scientist with a track record of patented discoveries and successful research collaborations with clinical scientists, including those at our own Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He has demonstrated the rare ability to bring together interdisciplinary teams and resources to address compelling research questions, while blending them with his considerable interpersonal skills to produce high-level results. These attributes make him the ideal person to take our institute to the next level."

MIIR was established five years ago as Marshall University's key vehicle to advancing regional economic development through entrepreneurship and commercialization of scientific discoveries. Scientists at the institute are developing a focused program of biotechnology research dedicated to producing patentable scientific breakthroughs and creating new businesses based on those discoveries.

In addition to conducting his own active research program at MIIR, Xie will be responsible for adding to the team of interdisciplinary researchers who comprise the core of the institute and for fostering collaborations with other scientists at Marshall.

“I was attracted to Marshall by MIIR’s business orientation,” said Xie. “I’ve been doing research for a long time and President Kopp’s vision for the institute is compelling: How do we really promote research from our labs and translate it into something tangible that will help people down the road? By all working together, I think we can build this institute and integrate research programs at Marshall into a much larger enterprise that will help improve human health, promote international exchange and stimulate economic development in the region.”

A molecular biologist/pharmacologist, Xie has focused his research for nearly 30 years on an enzyme commonly referred to as the “*sodium-potassium pump*” because it controls the levels of potassium and sodium entering and exiting cells. This pumping process is vital to transporting essential nutrients like glucose and amino acids into cells and maintaining the electrical charge within cells, which is particularly important in controlling normal functions in nerves and muscles, as well as in the kidney and heart.

Xie’s research shows that in addition to its critical pumping function, which was discovered by scientists in the 1950s, this “pump” plays a second, distinct role by directing a variety of cellular processes in the heart, kidneys and other tissues. Through their studies to learn more about the molecular mechanisms by which this cellular signaling occurs, Xie and his colleagues are working to develop new treatments for cancer, heart and kidney disease.

Xie holds international patents and patent applications on seven medical inventions resulting from his research. He has served as principal investigator, project leader or co-investigator on National Institutes of Health-funded projects totaling more than \$10 million, and has established active international collaborations with total funding of more than \$1 million. He has been involved with the creation of two spin-off companies from his research.

Marshall’s Vice President for Research Dr. John M. Maher has been serving as MIIR’s interim director since the institute’s founding director Dr. Eric Kmiec left in August 2011. Maher said he is pleased at Xie’s selection.

“Dr. Xie will be a wonderful addition to the Marshall research community,” said Maher. “He embraces the entrepreneurial focus of MIIR. He brings to the institute significant external funding for his own research and understands the institute’s commercial and economic development goals.

“In addition, his existing research partnerships with scientists at our medical school and elsewhere are testament to his commitment to conducting collaborative translational research, where laboratory discoveries are quickly moved to clinical trials and then to treatments for patients.”

Maher added that there is a nice synergy between Xie’s work and the research already in progress at MIIR.

“The research group at MIIR has been exploring the biomedical applications of nanofiber scaffolds. Their work has implications in the development of techniques to treat conditions like heart attacks, and for tendon repair and skin grafts, so there is a natural fit there, too,” he said. “I look forward to watching the institute grow and prosper under his leadership.”

Research in Xie’s laboratory is currently supported through funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Youbo Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. He is the author or co-author of more than 100 articles published in scientific journals, has authored a number of book chapters and has been invited to give numerous presentations as part of national and international conferences, symposia, seminars and visiting professorships. He serves as a regular member of NIH study sections and has chaired and co-organized several international symposia.

Xie earned a bachelor’s degree from the Nanjing College of Pharmacy in Nanjing, China, in 1982. He went on to complete a master’s degree in toxicology at the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences in Beijing in 1984 and a doctorate in pharmacology at the Medical College of Ohio (now University of Toledo) in 1990. He was a post-doctoral fellow at the Medical College of Ohio from 1990-91 and joined the institution’s faculty in 1991 as an instructor of pharmacology and therapeutics. He advanced steadily, becoming a research assistant professor in 1992, an assistant professor in 1996 and an associate professor in 2000. He was named full professor with tenure in 2005.

While at Toledo, he mentored dozens of graduate and post-doctoral students and assistant professors. More than 10 of his trainees have established independent laboratories in the U.S. and abroad.

Xie, who begins his new duties at MIIR this week, will have a joint appointment with Marshall’s Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

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### **About MIIR:**

Since its founding in 2008, MIIR has grown to include three researchers in addition to the new director, Dr. Zijian Xie.

Scientific activity at the institute has resulted in grants from federal, commercial and private sources, and four patents/patent applications/invention disclosures. Collaborations with private industry have resulted in sponsored projects with global pharmaceutical company Pfizer and major diagnostics company IDT. In addition, MIIR scientists are collaborating with other researchers at Marshall, including those working in the Center for Diagnostic Nanosystems and at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

The business plan for MIIR calls for the institute to be a self-sustaining enterprise supported by grants and a \$36 million endowment created from public and private sources. An economic impact study by Marshall’s Center for Business and Economic Research estimated that once the

endowment is fully funded, MIIR will create thousands of new jobs and generate millions of dollars in tax revenues over 20 years.

The endowment, which currently stands at \$6 million, has been funded through both private donations and matching state funds made possible by the “Bucks for Brains” West Virginia Research Trust Fund. Fundraising efforts to increase the endowment are ongoing.

At its current level, the MIIR endowment provides continuing support for two endowed scientists, one of whom—Dr. Jingwei Xie (no relation)—has been working at the institute since January 2011. Dr. Zijian Xie is the second endowed scientist.

For more information about MIIR, visit [www.marshall.edu/miir](http://www.marshall.edu/miir).

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## Author of ‘Right to Ride’ to speak at Marshall Nov. 12

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Dr. Blair L. M. Kelley, an associate professor of history at North Carolina State University, will discuss her award-winning book, *Right to Ride*, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, in room BE-5 of the Memorial Student Center.

“Dr. Kelley is a fantastic speaker and her work should interest many in our community,” said Dr. David Trowbridge, associate professor of history and director of African and African American studies.

*Right to Ride* is about early civil rights activism and boycotts of segregated streetcars during the early 1900s. Between 1900 and 1907, citizens of 25 Southern cities protested segregation on streetcars. The book received the 2010 Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Book Award from the Association of Black Women Historians.

Kelley’s scholarly work focuses on the history of African American resistance to segregation, and she teaches courses on African American history, civil rights, oral history and the history of New Orleans and Hurricane Katrina. She earned her B.A. from the University of Virginia and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Duke University.

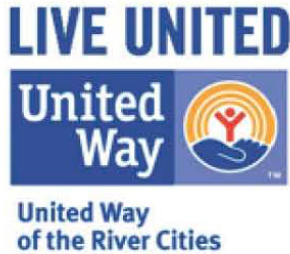
Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

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## United Way campaign to conclude tomorrow

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Marshall's United Way campaign for 2013 will conclude Thursday, Nov. 7, according to organizers. The campaign has a goal of providing help to 30,000 individuals in the community. Projects include those related to adult literacy, childhood obesity, dropout prevention, life skills, substance abuse prevention, basic needs and more.

The pledge form may be viewed or downloaded at the following address:

[www.marshall.edu/ucomm/files/web/UnitedWayMarshallPledgeForm\\_2013.pdf](http://www.marshall.edu/ucomm/files/web/UnitedWayMarshallPledgeForm_2013.pdf). Forms may be turned in at the Marshall Recreation Center to receive a free day pass, to an individual's departmental office, or sent to Dr. Michael Prewitt, dean of the College of Health Professions, who is chairing the campaign, via campus mail at Prichard Hall 224.



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## Marshall to welcome Bulgarian guest artist for piano recital tonight

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Bulgarian pianist Dr. Daniela Mineva will present a guest artist recital at Marshall Wednesday, Nov. 6. The performance will take place at 8 p.m. in the Jomie Jazz Forum on Marshall's Huntington campus.

Mineva is an associate professor of piano at Humboldt State University in California. Hailed by critics as a "vibrant and expressive performer who could steal the show in every concert" (New York Times) and an "energetic and lively pianist who displays power and delicacy in nuanced sensitivity along with virtuoso technique" (The Baltimore Sun), Mineva's unique approach to standard repertory, combined with the performance and dedication of works by living composers has taken her career across Europe, Asia, and the Americas.

"It is a tremendous pleasure for us to host Dr. Mineva," said Dr. Henning Vauth, assistant professor of piano at Marshall. "She is a strong advocate for contemporary music and the second half of her program is entirely devoted to works by composers active in the late 20th and early 21st century. Her jovial and personable character, combined with flawless pianistic technique and intense musical expression, allows her to present new music in an exciting, adventurous way that is enjoyable for musicians and non-musicians alike. The intimate and modern atmosphere of the Jomie Forum, where the audience sits in armchairs close to the artist, promises an exciting and special avant-garde experience."

Vauth added that there also will be some classical highlights on the program. He will be performing two Hungarian dances by Brahms for piano four hands with Mineva. The program is free and open to the public.

For further information, contact the School of Music and Theatre at 304-696-3117.

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## Chamber Choir to perform Sunday

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The Marshall University Chamber Choir, under the direction of Dr. David Castleberry, will present a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, in Smith Recital Hall on Marshall's Huntington campus. Admission is free and open to the public.

The centerpiece of Sunday's program is Benjamin Britten's "Hymn to Saint Cecilia," Castleberry said. Britten was born on St. Cecilia's Day (Nov. 22) and Cecilia is the patron saint of music.

"This year the music world celebrates Benjamin Britten's 100th anniversary year," Castleberry said. "We are pleased to honor the composer's memory with a presentation of one of his finest works. This ten-minute piece was very special to Britten and is a jewel among his many fine creations."

The concert also features works by Hans Leo Hassler, Claudio Monteverdi, Felix Mendelssohn, Robert Schumann and Samuel Barber.

The Chamber Choir is a select, thirty-four-voice choir, drawn from students across the university. The choir has distinguished itself through performance tours and recordings, including a concert tour a year ago to France that included performance at Paris's famed Cathedral of Notre Dame.

Smith Recital Hall is located at the corner of Hal Greer Boulevard and Third Avenue.

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## Huntington attorney John Proctor to speak at Nov. 14 memorial service



*We will never forget...*

### 43rd Annual Memorial Service

Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013  
Noon  
Memorial Student  
Center Plaza



Huntington attorney John Proctor, whose parents were among the 75 victims of the 1970 Marshall University plane crash, will be the featured speaker in this year's annual memorial service honoring all who died in the tragedy.

The service, conducted by Marshall's Student Government

Association, starts at noon Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Memorial Student Center plaza on the Huntington campus. The public is invited to attend.

The crash on Saturday, Nov. 14, 1970, occurred at about 7:47 p.m. when a DC-9 jetliner, returning Marshall home from its football game at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C., clipped some treetops just short of Tri-State Airport and went down. Victims included Marshall football players, coaches, staff and supporters, along with the crew of five.

Proctor, who was 5 years old when the plane crashed, was the youngest of five sons and daughters of H.D. "Pete" Proctor and his wife, Courtney Josephine Proctor, both of whom died in the crash. The other surviving children were John's sister, Courtney, who was 6; his sister, Patricia, who was 8; his brother, Jim, who was 17, and his sister, Kim, who was 19.

"I don't remember a whole lot about it," Proctor said of the crash. "Not until I was about eight years old when other kids talked about it did I even realize it. The first distinctive memories I have are from the third grade on. The brain is a wonderful thing. I'm not sure if I was too young or what."

Proctor said he is uncertain what he will talk about in his speech on Nov. 14.

"I'm really not sure, honestly," Proctor said.

He said he is thankful to have grown up under the guidance of many people.

"In a way, I'm blessed," Proctor said. "I was raised by my family and my friends, and my parents' friends and people who loved them."

H.D. "Pete" Proctor graduated from Marshall University and received his medical degree from the Emory School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was one of the team's physicians. He was 43 years old when he died.

E. J. Hassan, president of Marshall's student body, spoke of the importance of the ceremony 43 years after the crash.

"The Memorial Ceremony is the pinnacle of our university in terms of honoring our history as well as remembering the lives that were taken from our University community in 1970," Hassan said. "It is an absolute honor for me personally to help in the planning of this ceremony, and it is my hope that we can bring as many students as possible so that not only can they take part in remembrance, but so that we can educate them on the rich history that makes Marshall University the community and family that it is today."

In addition to Proctor and Hassan, other speakers invited to take part in the memorial service include Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, President Kopp and Marshall Athletic Director Mike Hamrick.

The service will conclude with the placing of the memorial wreath at the Memorial Fountain. The fountain will be silenced after the laying of the wreath, and remain silent until next spring.

For those who can't attend, the service will be streamed live at [www.marshall.edu/it/livestream](http://www.marshall.edu/it/livestream). The Marshall football team will be watching from Tulsa, Okla., where it will be playing the University of Tulsa at 7:30 p.m. later that day.

Following the ceremony, at about 6:30 p.m., the SGA will conduct the first Memorial Service Site Visit. Anyone interested in boarding a bus that will take them to the crash site near Tri-State Airport may do so at that time.

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## Marshall School of Pharmacy professor publishes pediatric research

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Dr. Chris Gillette, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, administration and research with the School of Pharmacy, is a member of several research teams that recently published papers on pediatric asthma management.

Gillette's research was published in the *International Journal of Pharmacy Practice*, *Clinical Pediatrics*, *Journal of Asthma* and *Pediatric Pulmonology*, all peer-reviewed journals.

His study published in the *International Journal of Pharmacy Practice* looked at how often children and parents of children with asthma who report problems with asthma medications asked about those medications during a routine medical visit.

The study published in *Clinical Pediatrics* focused on the frequency with which providers discussed written asthma action plans with children and their caregivers. The study in the *Journal of Asthma* reviewed how often medical providers discussed peak flow meter use with children and their caregivers, and the research in *Pediatric Pulmonology* looked at how often medical providers discussed the side effects of asthma medications with children and their caregivers.

The collaborative projects involved researchers from the University of North Carolina's medical and pharmacy schools as well as San Diego State University, Husson University and Indiana

University, among others. Additional recent research publications by School of Pharmacy faculty members include:

- Dr. H. Glenn Anderson, Jr., associate dean for academic and curricular affairs, “A Standardized Patient Counseling Rubric for a Pharmaceutical Care and Communications Course,” *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education*.
- Dr. Hasan Koc, assistant professor and director of pharmacometrics and pharmacoanalysis, along with Dr. Emine C. Koc, assistant professor of biochemistry and microbiology, Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, authored a chapter in the book, “Translation in Mitochondria and Other Organelles.”
- Dr. Angel Kimble, clinical assistant professor, department of pharmacy practice, administration and research, “Pharmacist interventions throughout care transitions: a review of current practices,” *International Current Pharmaceutical Journal*.

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## Marshall wraps up 3rd INTO familiarization visit

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INTO Marshall conducted its 3rd familiarization visit for 32 agents of INTO last week. These visits are conducted so that the agents are able to describe Marshall accurately to prospective international students.

Countries represented included China, South Korea, India, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Kazakhstan, Russia, Taiwan, Japan and Colombia. These agents are “the best of the best,” meaning they sent the most students to the U.S. this past year of all of the INTO agents around the world.



While on the

Huntington campus, they were able to celebrate Halloween with current international students Thursday evening, Oct. 31. On Friday, Nov. 1, they visited what will be the new Visual Arts Center and met with the academic deans to discuss the INTO pathway programs.

Then, on Saturday, Nov. 2, they visited the New River Gorge area for ziplining before shopping and dinner in Barboursville that evening.

The group visited Oregon State and Colorado State before coming to Marshall and left Sunday, Nov. 3, for the University of South Florida.

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Photo: Participants in the INTO Marshall familiarization visit toured the future Visual Arts Center in downtown Huntington.

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## Marshall School of Medicine receives high marks for its strong clinical conflict-of-interest policies

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A national study by the Institute of Medicine as a Profession (IMAP) on clinical conflict-of-interest (COI) policies shows the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has some of the strongest policies among American medical schools.

The analysis was published in the October issue of Academic Medicine and reviewed clinical COI policies that seek to limit ties to industry including managing gifts and meals from pharmaceutical and device manufacturers, along with physicians' consulting and speaking engagements for company-sponsored events.

According to the report, Marshall has a policy strength average score of 2.4 on a scale of 0 to 3, placing it in the 94<sup>th</sup> percentile.

"Having these policies in place is important to maintain strong ethical practices and conflict-free relationships," said Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine. "We continue to work toward an environment that elevates transparency and openness."

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## Criminal justice students and faculty attend, present at state conference

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Students from the Department of Integrated Science's Criminal Justice and Criminology program and their faculty mentors attended the West Virginia Criminal Justice Educators' Association (WVCJEA) annual state conference held last week in West Liberty.

"These students did a fantastic job representing not only their department and program, but Marshall University as a whole," said Dr. Kimberly DeTardo-Bora, associate professor of criminal justice and criminology. "Several students presented papers, and two students at the state level received paper awards." Those who presented include:

- Jamie Gunnoe, "Herman W. Mudgett: Businessman or Psychopath?"
- Justin Crowder, "Mickey Cohen: The Life of A Gangster"
- Tabytha Bills, "The Relationship between Ted Bundy's Serial Killings and Clarke and Cornish's Rational Choice Theory"
- Amanda Richards, "Female Juvenile Offenders: Labeling Status Offenders"
- Natassia King, "The Mind of Ted Bundy: An Evaluation Using Eysenck and Gudjonsson's Theory of Crime and Personality"
- Greg Matthews, "Domestic Terror: A Threat from Within"

- Sara Catron, “Robert Agnew’s General Strain Theory Applied to Cyber-Bullying: Not Just Adolescents”

Logan Cottrill won first place for the graduate paper competition with his paper, “If the Shoe Fits (Wear It): Defining Deviance and Constructing Outsiders.” Sara Catron took home third place in the undergraduate paper competition with her entry.

Other faculty mentors who attended the conference were Dr. Dru Bora and Dr. Sam Dameron, associate professor and professor of criminal justice and criminology, respectively.

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## Stop-Smoking Class slated for Wednesday, Nov. 13

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Student Health Education Programs will be hosting a free smoking cessation class at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13 in the Wellness Suite at the Marshall Rec Center. The class is open to students, staff and faculty. Call ext.6-4103 to reserve a spot.

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The next issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed Nov. 13, 2013. Please send any materials for consideration to [Pat Dickson](#) by 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11.